



BY THE
LORDS JUSTICES
AND
COUNCIL,
A
PROCLAMATION.

Winchester, Gallway.



WHEREAS We the Lords Justices and Council of this Kingdom, have by Two several Proclamations, the One bearing Date the 22th of June 1697, the other the 8th of October 1698, Strictly Prohibited and Forbid the Exportation of all manner of Corn, Grain and Meal out of all or any Ports in this Kingdom, to any parts beyond the Seas, until Our further Order to the contrary.

And, Whereas Our Purposes and Intentions in the said Proclamations Were in a great measure frustrated, by the Contrivances and Evil Practices of several Merchants and others, who having Stored up Great Quantities of Corn, in expectation of having Liberty to Export the same, made up and Baked very great Quantities of Bread and Bisket which they Exported, and thereby eluded the said Proclamations. For Obviating Whereof for the future, We did by another Proclamation, Dated at the Council-Chamber in Dublin the 18th of November last, Strictly Prohibit, not only the Exportation of all Corn or Meal, Baked or made up in Bread, Bisket, or otherwise, but also the Exportation of all Corn, Grain and Meal of any Kind or Sort soever.

Since which time, We have received further Information, That several Merchants and others, have Bought great Quantities of Corn and Grain of all sorts; And that the Farmers of this Kingdom, who have great Stores of Corn, Grain and Meal by them, do not bring the same to the Markets, in expectation that Corn and all sort of Grain and Meal will be yet

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yei Draier, by reason of the very great Scarcity therof in most other Parts of Europe ; and out of a p'ospect that the former Prohibitions against the Exportation, may be taken off, before the next Harvest : Which Dearth of all sorts of Corn, Grain and Meal, may Occasion the Starving of many of the poorer sort of Inhabitants. To obviate and prevent which Mischiefs,

We the Lords Justices and Council of this Kingdom, taking the same into Our Consideration, have thought fit to Re-inforce Our said former Proclamations : And We do hereby Strictly Prohibit and Forbid the Exportation of all manner of Corn, Grain and Meal whatsoever ; And also all Corn, Grain and Meal whatsoever Baked or made up in Bread, Basket, Starch, or in any other manner whatsoever, out of all the Ports of this Kingdom, or any of them, to any Parts beyond the Seas, except such Quantities only, as shall be necessary for the Shipping which shall go out of this Kingdom for Provisions for the Ships Crew, and other persons on Board such Ships, during the respective Voyages for which such Ships are Bound, at the taking in such Provisions ; the said Prohibition to continue until Our further Order to the contrary, which We do hereby Declare We do not intend to Grant, in any case, until after the Feast of All-Saints next ensuing. And We do hereby Strictly charge and command all His Majesty's Surveyors, Collectors and other Officers, in the several Ports of this Kingdom, that they make strict Inquiry and Search after all Corn, Grain and Meal Baked or made up in Bread, Basket, Starch, or in any other manner whatsoever, which shall be Shipped or put on Board any Ship, Boat or Vessel in any Port or Place in this Kingdom, and that they make Stop of all such as they shall have reason to apprehend may be designed to be Exported to any place beyond the Seas, untill they shall have signified the same to Us, and shall receive Our further Directions touching the same : And that they suffer no greater or other quantities therof to be carried on Board such Ship, Boat or Vessel, save only what shall be necessary for the Provision for the Crew of such Ship, Boat or Vessel, and other persons on Board such Ship or Vessel during their respective Voyages, for which such Ships, Boats or other Vessel are bound, at the time of the taking in such Provisions ; And in case they shall find any quantities of such Corn, Grain or Meal, or Corn, Grain or Meal Baked, or made up in Bread, Basket, Starch or otherwise, as aforesaid, to have been carryed on Board any Ship, Boat or Vessel, more than what they shall Judge to be reasonably necessary for such Provisions, for the persons in the said Ships, during such Voyages ; That they make Stop of such Ship or Vessel, and such Loading therein, untill they have Informed Us therof, and shall receive Our further Directions touching the same.

And We do further strictly charge and require all such Customers, Collectors, or other Officers of, or belonging to His Majesty's Customs or Revenues, that they use their uttermost care and diligence, to hinder the Exportation of all manner of Corn in Grain, Meal, or made up in Bread, Basket, Starch or otherwise howsoever, and to obviate and prevent all the Arts and Designs of Merchants or others, for Transporting the same out of this Kingdom, to any parts beyond the Seas, by any Mays, Means or Contrivance whatsoever, contrary to the Intent and Meaning of this, or Our said former Proclamations, or any of them :

And We do further charge and require all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, and all others His Majesty's Officers, that they be Aiding and Assisting



Assisting in the due Execution of this Our Proclamation, from time to time as there shall be occasion, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils.

And We do further Publish and Declare, that all Merchants and others, who shall be found to Offend contrary to this, or Our said former Proclamations, Prohibiting the Exportation of Corn, Grain or Meal, as also all such as shall be Aiding and Assisting therein; or that have, or shall be any Way Instrumental in occasioning the Scarcity of Corn in the several Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate and Villages in this Kingdom, by Forestalling, Regretting or Ingrossing, shall be proceeded against for such their Offences, with the utmost severity of Law. And in case any person or persons shall make Discovery of any Offender or Offenders in Transporting any Corn in Grain or Meal, or made up in Bread, Bisket, Starch o' otherwise, to any parts beyond the Seas, so as the person or persons Offending therein may be apprehended, and Prosecuted for such Offence, such Discoverer shall Receive from Us, a Reward according to the quantity of Corn so Discovered to have been Transported; That is to say, for every Barrel of such Corn, in Grain or Meal, or made up in Bread, Bisket, Starch or otherwise, Three Shillings Ster. which We will Order to be paid to such Discoverer immediately upon, or after the Conviction of such respective Offender or Offenders.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Dublin, the Seaventh day of February, 1698.

Jo. Methuen C. Drogheda, Mount-Alexander, Longford, Blesinton;
Rich. Meath, St. Geo. Clogher, Ri. Pyne, Rob. Doyne, Cha. Feilding,
John Hanmer, Mich. Hill, Tho Brodrick.

God Save the King.

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